

Statute - MI

State Agencies:

Mich. Comp. Laws § 18.1261. Solicitation, award, amendment, cancellation, and appeal of state contracts; preferences and goals; powers and duties of department; disclosure of records.

(7) The department may enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement with 1 or more other states or public entities for the purchase of goods, including, but not limited to, recycled goods, and services necessary for state programs.

Local Governments:

Mich. Comp. Laws § 124.504. Joint exercise of powers; agencies; powers.

Sec. 4. A public agency of this state may exercise jointly with any other public agency of this state, with a public agency of any other state of the United States, with a public agency of Canada, or with any public agency of the United States government any power, privilege, or authority that the agencies share in common and that each might exercise separately.

School Districts:

Mich. Comp. Laws § 380.11a (4) (2017). General powers school districts; classification; general rights, powers, and duties; agreements or cooperative arrangements; school board, governance, adoption of bylaws, elections; operation of libraries, museums, or community recreational facilities; scholarship programs

(4) A general powers school district may enter into agreements, contracts, or other cooperative arrangements with other entities, public or private, including, but not limited to, another school district or an intermediate school district, or join organizations as part of performing the functions of the school district. An agreement, contract, or other cooperative arrangement that is entered into under this act is not required to comply with the provisions of the urban cooperation act of 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL 124.501 to 124.512, as provided under section 503 of that act, MCL 124.503.

About Sourcewell:

Sourcewell is a service cooperative created by the Minnesota legislature as a local unit of government. Minn. Const. art. XII, sec. 3. As a public corporation and agency, Sourcewell is governed by local elected municipal officials and school board members. Minn. Stat. § 123A.21 Subd. 4 (2017). Under its enabling statute, Sourcewell is explicitly authorized to provide cooperative purchasing services to eligible members. Id. at Subd. 7(23).

Sourcewell follows the competitive contracting law process to solicit, evaluate and award cooperative purchasing contracts for goods and services. Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contracts are made available through the joint exercise of powers law to member agencies. Minn. Stat. § 471.59 (2017). Membership in Sourcewell is available for all eligible state and local governments, education, higher education and nonprofit entities across North America. § 123A.21 at Subd. 3.

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